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DETECTOR AND ELEVATOR SYSTEM

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action of November 18, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.